

GOLF COMMITTEE MEETING, 06/11/2019 6.30pm, The Woodman.

Present Gary Geddis, Dave Riley, Bob Morris, Sue Hansen, Karen Martins, David Asher, Anne Curwen, Iain Caville

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Captain's report

New dates to be arranged for recent cancelled competitions, possibly from existing Captains Extra dates.

Post meeting update Woodman Trophy now on Sunday 26th January at Thorpe Wood, Autumn Falls Trophy at Orton Meadows, Sunday 9th February.

Lady Captain's report

All matches now played, and Xmas competition sorted. Recent Breast Cancer Care fund raiser was well supported by ladies, and also Senior Men section. Many thanks to them for opening the halfway house, in total £381 was raised on the day.

Next year mixed competition clash sorted - match vs Elton Furze moved to 13th September.

Re Tydd St Giles match, which clashes with Final day of the Ryder Cup - this will be in the US, so much later in the day. Anne to contact Tydd to see if they would play in the morning.

Senior Captain's report

Round one and two of the Winter League played.

Recent Men's medal affected by weather.

HANDICAP & COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT

Inclement weather has created a few problems in the last month causing several competitions to be cancelled. Due to a fully booked diary, there are no free dates available before the end of the year to re-organise these competitions.

MEN'S COMPETITIONS:

All competitions to the date of this report have been processed and all handicaps are up to date.

3 competitions had to be cancelled: October Medal, Woodman Trophy & Falls Trophy (Mixed)

As the Woodman and Falls are trophy competitions, do we wish to re-organise these early 2020 (to replace Captains Extra competitions) and play for the trophy again at the end of 2020?

The Men's Summer League was won by Neil Farrington, beating Corey Dann on the 2ⁿ extra hole.

HANDICAPS:

There is nothing much to report regarding handicaps, with one new handicap allocated this month, The Continuous Handicap Review for the Men shows one person (Ian Phillips) having 10 consecutive 0.1 increases.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS):

The expected launch date for this is now 2nd November 2020. Clubs are being asked to carry out considerable amounts of work in the coming months, particularly with regard to cleansing their handicap & member database.

There is an England Golf Seminar at Girton GC on 21st January that I have booked to attend.

OTHER ITEMS:

There have been several no-show in recent competitions. At the weekend medal, we had 3 people pull out on Saturday morning leaving 3 x 2-balls spread across the field, then a further 3 people cancelled within 12 hours of their tee time and 1 no-show.

I believe there are two contributing actors:

1. Competitions are open for booking 2 months in advance, so people are booking tees early then circumstances change.
2. Competitions are left open for booking until the evening before the competition, giving people the opportunity to pull out at the last minute. This makes trying to maintain 3-balls almost impossible, and it is too late for others to fill the gaps.

As a trial, I would like to try the following:

1. Release competitions for booking 1 month in advance
2. Close a Sunday competition for booking on Friday afternoon
3. Send out an email to all competitors confirming their tee times, which gives us time to send out emails to everyone else not booked in to fill the gaps.

These trials agreed by the committee.

Ladies handicap and competitions

All lady members who have not done enough cards to keep their handicap active have been contacted, and most have made contact with their intentions.

Good attendance in ladies comps and roll ups, with an average of 20 players, 35 signed up for the Christmas competition.

AOB

Dave Riley - designated players/Committee members to arrive early on Sunday mornings on competition days to "trouble shoot" in case of no shows/poor weather etc.

Order of merit competitions - over complicated scoring system, based on 1-15 points. Iain to look into this - score system like that for 9 hole league, mini golf

league at Orton Meadows would work better.

Reduce the number of months these are played over to eight months.

Gary Geddis - some sponsors have been lost for competitions. The club has agreed to pay for these this year. Trying to find new sponsors for next year; will approach McCains again.

No one has come forward for Vice Captain post, Gary is prepared to continue as Captain next year.

Some expression of interest for the Senior Captain's post; candidates should work as vice captain for a year first. David Asher is prepared to continue as Senior Captain for another year.

Incoming Captains to be invited to the golf committee meeting on the month prior to them starting the role.

Anne Curwen - Christine Dixon has expressed an interest in the Ladies Competition Secretary post; to be invited to the next Golf committee meeting to discuss this.

Should the Ladies section come into line with the men, and become affiliated to Cambridgeshire (currently affiliated to Northants). This to be taken to the Management Committee.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

Date of next meeting, Monday January 6th, 6.30pm, The Woodman